Supply of Wheat and Rice to Maharashtra for Public Distribution

3296. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice allocated to Maharashtra upto June 1994 for distribution under the Public Distribution System;

(b) whether the allocation was made according to the demand made by the State Government for the above period;

(c) if not, the reasons for less allocation; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken for the supply of more wheat and rice as per the requirement of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The demand, allocation and offtake of wheat and rice for the Public Distribution-system (PDS) in Maharashtra from January to June, 1994 are as under:

(In lakh MTs)

	Demand	Allocation	Off-take
Wheat	6.00	4.80	2.60
Rice	4.29	4.29	2.03

The allocations of wheat and rice are supplemental in nature, and are made to States/ Union Territories on a month to month basis having regard to demand, seasonal availability, relative needs of various States/ Union Territories, offtake trend and other related factors. The lifting of wheat and rice in Public Distribution System (PDS) in the State of Maharashtra during this period is very much less than the allotted quantities.

Declining Standard of Sports in the Country

3297. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the standard of sports in the country is not up to the mark and performance of sportsmen is not satisfactory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that poor fitness level of sportsmen and their training are some of the causes of this state of sports in the country;

(c) whether Government have examined these aspects of our sports, if so, the findings thereof; and (d) if so, what steps are being contemplated to improve the performance of sportsmen of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government is continuously reviewing performance in the field of sports and taking steps to raise the standards of sportsmen of the country. Recently guidelines have been issued to the federations for preparing four year plans, which among other target areas, include training of elite sportspersons and providing equipment support and international competition exposure to them. A number of talented children are also being nurtured and trained under the various schemes of Sports Authority of India such as National Sports Talent Contest Scheme, Sport Project Development Area Scheme, Special Area Games and Army Boys Sports Companies.

List of Indian Treasures Abroad

3298. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a comprehensive list of Indian treasures in museums abroad and in private collections;

(b) if so, whether the same can be made available; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider compiling such a list and make the same available within a year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA):

(a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.